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School Millage Proposal Approved



Art McPharlin

By Art McPharlin, Director of Technology, Romulus Community Schools

The Romulus Community Schools Board of Education members and District employees were pleased by the outcome of the Tuesday, September 20

election, which decided the fate of a school enhancement millage proposal.

Romulus voters supported, by a margin of 795 "yes" votes to 547 "no" votes (unofficial totals), a proposal that effectively lowered homeowners' property taxes by two mills for three years, while raising area businesses' taxes by three mills for the same time period.

Because the law requires that the word "increase" be part of the proposal wording, Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Bedell knew that it would be difficult to explain to voters that supporting the measure would result in a tax reduction, even though the ballot language spoke only of an increase.

"Our thanks go to the voters who took time to listen to our explanation and then believed that a 'yes' vote really meant a reduction in their school taxes," Bedell stated.

Board of Education Treasurer Judy Gondek agreed with the Superintendent's remarks: "I am very pleased that the people had faith in us and decided that it was the best thing to do," she said.

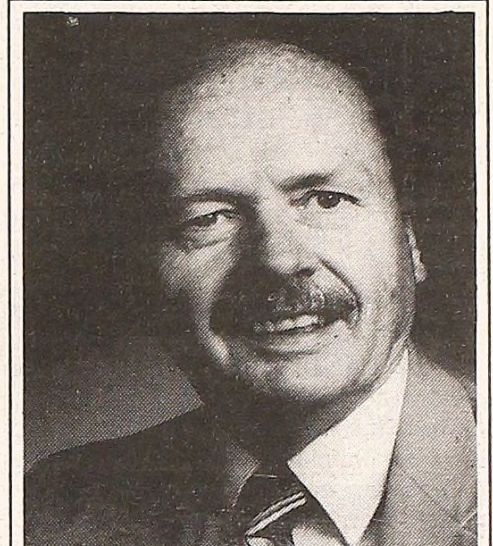
The proposal had created a great deal of interest Statewide. In fact, a number of school districts and newspapers have contacted Bedell to discuss this particular proposal.

"Like the members of our board of education," explained Bedell, "many people are interested in giving tax relief to the property owners. Proposal A now allows school districts that have a good industrial taxbase to take advantage of this part of the law."

Bedell also expressed his great pleasure that the School District's lawsuit against the City of Romulus appears to be settled.

The suit, which the District filed in order to receive what it considered a fair portion of the City's TIFA (Tax Increment Finance Authority) funds, was initially filed back in July of 1993. State law allows a city to capture all tax dollars from an identified TIFA area to build infrastructure for industrial and commercial development.

The exact dollar amount that the District will realize from the settlement is



Dr. William Bedell

not yet known, but it is believed that it will be in the vicinity of \$500,000.

"It's good to have the lawsuit resolved," Bedell stated. "We are looking forward to a new era of cooperation with the City." □

Local Citizens Express Concern About ZBA Selection Process

By Kristi Stephens

Several Romulus residents are concerned that "local politics" may be leading some City Councilmen to tamper with a long-established process for selecting members of the City's boards and commissions.

"We believe that some Councilmen may be trying to control who will be chosen to sit on the ZBA in order to further the City's ongoing efforts to prevent EDS from operating its already constructed injection well," said Dolores Witzgall, who has attended recent ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals) and City Council meetings. "By ignoring an appointment procedure of long precedent, they may be trying to rig the outcome of next month's meeting between EDS and the ZBA."

The procedure to which Witzgall referred was established many years ago, when City Council voted to create a three-member Appointment Advisory Committee (AAC) whose duty was to review applications from people wishing to serve on the various City committees and, by a majority vote, recommend to Council those candidates believed to be best qualified to serve the City. According to Councilman Ellis Pennington, the AAC was established in an attempt to eliminate the problems that Council had previously experienced when trying to address the nomination process itself.



Councilman Pennington

"Having the Council be responsible for the nomination of candidates as well as their approval was too messy and complicated," said Pennington. "Each Councilman would come to the meeting with his own candidate in mind. Because it was rare for all Council members to be acquainted with the qualifications of each of the candidates, a lot of discussion would be involved, and a real tussle would sometimes occur before we were able to settle on a final choice."

Pennington added that, since the AAC's creation, there has not been a



Councilman Raspberry

single instance where City Council did not follow the Committee's recommendations in appointing board or commission members. Councilman Jimmie C. Raspberry confirmed Councilman Pennington's assertion.

"Council had good reasons for establishing a nomination procedure that would limit the influence of 'politics' in committee selection and insure that the appointees will serve the City's overall best interests," said Raspberry. "For that reason, the procedure has always been followed in the past."

But the City Council meeting of September 12, 1994, marked the first deviation from this long-established precedent. At that time, Councilman Randy Gear – the brand-new chairman of the current AAC, which includes members Pennington and Raspberry – suggested that Council ignore the long practice of accepting the AAC's recommendation in toto and, instead, make two ZBA appointments on an individual basis. After some debate concerning the propriety of such action, the Council voted to return the matter to the AAC for further study.

When contacted, Gear had no comment on his reasons for breaking with established procedure, and also declined to discuss whom he would support for the two appointments and why, saying only that he didn't want to influence anyone else's decision.

"I don't know why Councilman Gear chose not to follow our established procedure for choosing committee members," said Pennington. "I believed that the Advisory Committee's recommendation to reappoint Mr. (Junior) Block and Mr. (Norman) McLenon was a sound one. Mr. Block has given this community over two decades of good service, including his many years on the City Council and his more recent time on the ZBA, and he brings a great deal of knowledge and experience to the Board. Mr.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Reader Says Put a Stop to "Administration Fees"

To the Editor:

Recently, the City of Romulus sent me a form letter advising me of the need for sidewalk repair work in front of my home.

That was no problem; I can live with that. If it needs fixing, it will be done.

I was given the option of obtaining my own contractor or allowing the City to perform the work through a bid-contractor. After checking into the cost of hiring someone to replace two sections of pavement, I found that the City quote of \$125 could not be beat.

What I *did* have a problem with was an additional *administration fee*—10% of the cost of the repair.

I took the time to drive to City Hall and talk to the supervisor in charge of the Building Department. This is what I found out: It appears that the "administration fee" is charged due to the need for sending building inspectors out to do their job.

Think about this for a minute: I was told that it involves extra work for these people to do the job that they were hired to do — and are paid to do — in the first place.

It appears that, because of the paper-work involved, the typist had just a little more work than she normally had in doing the job that she is already paid to do.

It appears that, because this paper-work had to be sent to me, more mail than usual was sent out. (On this one, I offered to pay the postage, instead; my offer was declined.)

When I asked where the collected administration fees go, the building supervisor told me that they go to the City's general fund.

Now, picture this, using the same "logic" of extra work: You're pulled over for speeding (shame on you) during the holiday season. Because more people are on the road during that time of the year, the police are working a little harder. The officer announces that, in addition to the ticket fine and the court cost, there will be an administration fee for processing the paperwork.

Two hundred-odd years ago, we, the people, formed a more perfect union — and kicked the British out for using this same "logic": namely, the need for more money for the King's general fund.

Civil service employees' pay comes from taxpayer dollars. They are on our payroll, and we expect them to perform the job they were hired to do at a stan-

dard wage. We expect them to work for their pay just as those of us who are employed in the private sector do.

In Romulus, however, it appears that whenever a person has to work a bit harder than normal, the City sees it as an opportunity to charge an administration fee and enrich its general fund.

There are many fairways that a City can generate income: taxation, permit fees, auctions of confiscated property, etc. But to assess an administration fee to cover the cost of an employee doing a job that he's already paid to do is *WRONG!*

I was a civil servant for 20 years; you as citizens entrusted me to guard this country against *all enemies, foreign or domestic*. I spent four years recruiting the youth within this community to enlist in the Navy. Not once did I charge an administration fee because I worked harder than normal. I was being paid by you to do a job — just as *they* are being paid by you to do a job.

Let's put a stop to the practice of cities charging administration fees. They are not a private business.

Todd Hauter, USN (Retired)
Romulus

Resident Says "We've All Had Enough"

To the Editor:

The Romulus City Council has spent the better part of the last year allowing our city to become more and more involved in a lawsuit against a business which it had previously welcomed. It has been encouraged — even forced — to do so by a local group opposed to the business and its project. I and many others have wondered where this all was leading and if there would ever be an end to this madness. Well, we finally got our answer at the last Council meeting. The opponents of this project have now made it clear that it is open season not only on this but any other business that doesn't fit their image of the perfect world.

The manager of Oakite Products, a long-time member of the Romulus business community, was speaking to City Council about plans which the company has for an expansion. He was also asking for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, a tax abatement, as an additional incentive to making this investment possible. Regardless of how one feels about tax abatements, the man had every right to be there before Council and make his presentation. What happened next, however, was both humiliating for him and embarrassing to our city.

Members of RECAP (Romulus Environmentalists Care About People) challenged the man over what materials were being stored at the facility, whether hazardous wastes were being generated, if he would be willing to drink these wastes, and, finally, whether Oakite intended to use the deep disposal well. What purpose was served by this harassment?

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Local Judge To Exhibit Original Paintings at Belleville Library

By Kristi Stephens

Area residents will have an opportunity to view the paintings of a truly talented local amateur during the month of October, when the work of 34th District Court Chief Judge Felix Rogalle will be on display at the Fred C. Fischer Library in Rogalle's hometown of Belleville. A reception in his honor will be held at the Library from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5.

Although he's 61 years old, the long-time Romulus attorney says that he's only been painting for about 14 years.

"I have always enjoyed just sort of casually dabbling in art," he explained, "but it wasn't until later — when I had gained some maturity and sensitivity — that I began to feel an urge to express my thoughts and feelings in a creative manner. It was a kind of growth process: Contemplating life's experiences led to ideas for good subjects — and, in turn,

thinking about how to develop those subjects led to a better understanding of and appreciation for life."

Rogalle says that, except for attendance at an occasional weekend workshop, he has had no formal art training, yet his grasp and execution of both shape and depth in his chosen media of watercolor and acrylic appears to be that of a well-tutored amateur. And Rogalle's special talent for using color to convey mood has led him to use a broad palette, ranging from the bright and bold to the rich and earthy.

Recognition of Rogalle's artistic abilities has not been slow in coming. Already, through entering his work at various local art shows, he has won eight awards, ranging from "honorable mention" to "best of show." Next month's exhibit at the Fred C. Fischer Library is the latest acknowledgment of his fine talent. □



Judge Felix Rogalle is a well-known fixture in the Romulus area, where he practiced law for more than 25 years before his election to the 34th District Court.



Rogalle proudly displays some of his work.

Interchange Near Airport to Create Jobs, Boost Economy

On Friday, September 16, Governor John Engler helped to break ground for a new interchange off I-94 at Vining Road in Romulus. The interchange will provide access to the long-planned Metro World Centre, and should help spur major new economic development and job creation.

"This interchange is the key that will unlock the door to a wide range of new businesses and new jobs in this area," said Engler. "And it is another terrific example of how public-private partnerships can get the job done — better, faster, and for less money."

Romulus Mayor Beverly McAnally, who also attended the groundbreaking, sees the interchange as the first step to an even better Romulus: "The realization of this project — which has involved a whole lot of work from a whole lot of people — should result in an additional 20,000 to 30,000 jobs in the next 20 years, as well as all the economic growth attendant on such a project."

The interchange provides an alternate route to Metro Airport and improves access to Romulus.

The innovative partnership between government and private industry to finance the \$12-million project is the first of its kind in the Nation.

To fund the project, the developers and local government are providing \$5 million, while the Federal government is spending \$7 million. No State funds will

be used. It is the first time that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has approved such a project.

"I'm proud that prestigious developers like the Ecclestone Organization and Hines Interests are working with the City of Romulus to make Metro World Centre a reality," said Governor Engler. "Their commitment to invest in Michigan and to create jobs here is a tremendous boost to the local economy."

Metro World Centre is a 700-acre planned community that is expected to include, among other structures, an office complex, sports facilities, a conference center, discount shopping, and residential development.

Under an agreement between the State, Federal officials, and the developers, engineering and building of the overpass will be overseen by a private firm, with strict inspections throughout by the appropriate State and Federal highway officials.

This private-public partnership will combine private-sector efficiency with public sector oversight, says Engler, allowing the project to be built faster and at a lower cost with complete assurance that all public needs are met.

Joining Engler and McAnally were: Jane Garvey, FHWA Administrator; E. Llywd Ecclestone, Jr., The Ecclestone Organization; and Eric Larson, Hines Interests Limited Partnership. □

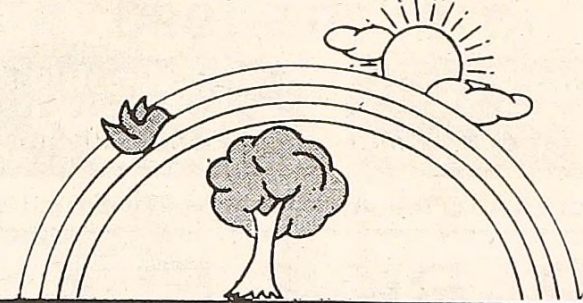
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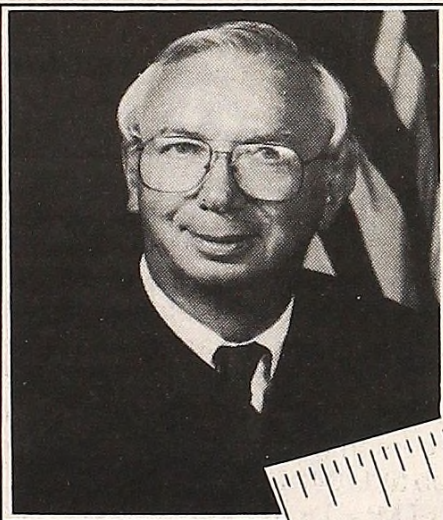


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- **Little League Meeting** — The Romulus Little League is still in desperate need of a president and vice-president; without them, there will be no baseball next season. To fill these and other positions, a meeting will be held at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins) on Tuesday, September 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. All parents interested in having their children participate in this worthwhile program are urged to attend.
- **50/50 Bingo Marathon** — The St. Aloysius School Parents' Club will host a 50/50 Bingo Marathon at St. Aloysius School Hall (37200 Neville Road, Romulus) on Friday, September 30, from 6 to 11:30 p.m. and on Saturday, October 1, from 3 to 11:30 p.m. Cards are two for a quarter; refreshments and light snacks will be available.
- **St. Paul's Applefest Weekend Activities** — St. Paul's Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig & Ellis streets in New Boston) will host the following events during the weekend of the Huron Township Applefest: a Craft Show (Saturday, October 1, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, October 2, from 12 to 5 p.m.); a Soup & Luncheon (Saturday, October 1, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. or sold out); and a Barbecue Chicken & Rib Dinner (Sunday, October 2, from 12 until 4 p.m. or sold out).
- **Rummage/Bake Sale** — Residents of the Whispering Willows senior-citizen apartment complex will hold their annual rummage and bake sale in the lobby of the building (11100 South Wayne Road, Romulus) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, October 7, and Saturday, October 8. Everyone is welcome.
- **Herb Conference** — The In-Balance Center of Romulus will host its seventh annual Herb Conference at the Romulus Marriott Hotel on October 8, 1994, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Advance tickets are \$35 each; door sales will be \$45 per person. For more information, call the In-Balance Center at 941-8778.
- **Preschool Storytime at the Library** — The Romulus Public Library will soon begin a five-week Preschool Storytime program — with an appropriately autumnal "all about colors" theme — for children ages three to five who are ready for independent listening. Parents may choose between Tuesday sessions, which begin at 7 p.m., and Thursday sessions, which begin at 10:30 a.m.; sessions will be held at the Library's temporary location (Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus) beginning the week of October 11. The program is free, but space is limited; call 941-7369 to register.
- **Luncheon Honors Area's Pioneers** — A special luncheon honoring early settlers who came to Romulus for a "fresh start," as well as their descendants who continue to live in this area, will be held on Saturday, October 22, at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza of Romulus. Anyone wishing to attend the luncheon should send a check or money order for \$15 per person (payable to the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza) to Mrs. Eva Webb at 11049 Moore, Romulus, MI 48174. The organizing committee of Mrs. Dorothy Stillwagon, Mr. David Robinson, Mrs. Webb, and Dr. Z. Jones urges those planning to attend to reserve their seat as soon as possible.
- **Female Mentors Needed** — The Young Mothers Assistance Program is looking for adult mentors to help support, educate, and nurture pregnant/parenting teens. Call 513-7598 for information.
- **Women's Self-esteem Group Now Forming** — "Improving Self-esteem," a women's group which will meet for three-hour weekly sessions for a period of 14 weeks, is now forming. The time and location of meetings has yet to be determined. For more information, please call Ellen Campbell, MSW, at Family & Neighborhood Services (782-9800).

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34th DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

November 8, 1994

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New Composting Law Takes Effect March 28, 1995

By Chuck Griffiths

On March 28, 1995, Public Act 264 of 1990 takes effect, effectively barring yardwaste (e.g., grass clippings, leaves, garden debris, etc.) from landfills. With passage of PA 264 of 1990, Michigan has taken the bold step toward preserving our environment for future generations to enjoy.

Currently, well over 20% of all landfill space in the United States is consumed by yardwaste that can easily be composted, either at home, in the neighborhood cooperative, or on an even larger scale. Incineration (but not burning leaves at home — that's now illegal) and composting are the two most popular alternative methods of disposal now being discussed for this debris.

By far, composting holds the advantage. By composting, we can preserve our landfill space, delaying the need for new landfills, and produce a wonderful mulch. With the new legal requirements, homeowners will be forced to adapt to more "environmentally friendly" means of yardwaste disposal. Either by composting at home, or in modifying the way we prepare such debris for curbside collection, we must become conscious of how we handle our compostable materials.

Since the law doesn't take effect until Spring, there is still a bit of time to get familiar with how these changes will affect the average home owner in Romulus. If curbside pickup is the answer for you, the yardwaste should be placed in either trash cans clearly marked "Compostable Material" or in special paper sacks, readily available at area hardware and discount stores. One big "no-no" is plastic. NEVER place compostable materials in plastic bags.

The City of Romulus currently contracts rubbish collection to the private firm of Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI). BFI operates a state-of-the-art composting facility in Washtenaw county at its Arbor Hills facility. Unfortunately, such excellent services come at a price. As with any other City-provided service, if we the citizens can reduce the cost of operations by doing what we can at home, the City can save scarce tax dollars.

The preferable response to the new law is backyard composting. Far from being difficult, starting a home compost heap can be easy and fun. Compost needs little attention, produces no odor (if done correctly — odor is a sign of an unhealthy heap), and takes little space or time to manage properly.

The State of Michigan produces

the "Mulching and Backyard Composting Guide," an easy how-to book available from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) by calling 517-373-0540. The booklet describes not only composting basics, it also provides detailed information on how anyone can become a successful backyard composter. Included too are tips on how to reduce yardwaste by using inexpensive items like mulching mower blades, available for as little as \$15 — far less expensive than a season's supply of lawn bags.

Composting is also the most ecologically sound method of disposing of yard trimmings. Compost has long been hailed as a wonderful organic fertilizer adding beauty to everything from azalea beds to zucchini plants. Organically, compost is identical to peat moss and can be used in exactly the same manner. By starting a compost heap now, one can help the environment, save money on both fertilizers and refuse collection, and produce a much healthier, chemical-free garden.

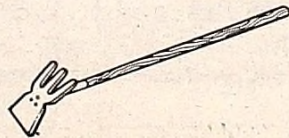
Mulched leaves make the best start for a compost heap. Leaves should always be in about a 4:1 ratio to grass clippings. If your heap falls below this ratio, sawdust can be substituted for leaves at a ratio of 1 (sawdust) to 30 (grass).

Be sure to keep the mound moist (but not saturated) and well aerated. A pitchfork, used to turn and break up the heap once a week, is all that's needed for proper aeration (air circulation). The temperature of your heap will range from 110° to 145° Fahrenheit in its center anytime of year. This temperature is sufficient to kill any undesirable bacteria, pesticide residue, or fertilizer remains. During the winter months, the heap will require little, if any, attention because no new material is being added.

By using these tips and the following simple rules, we can reduce waste, reduce the cost of City services, and save money making our own rich soil booster.

Remember these simple rules:

- Never put food scraps or oils in a compost heap.
- NEVER use plastic bags.
- Use a mulching mower, if possible.
- A compost heap is a living ecosystem requiring both water and air.
- Like other ecosystems, it needs little attention.
- Never put unchipped wood, twigs, or tree limbs in the compost heap.
- Compost heaps need turned in weeks when fresh material is added.
- **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE** □



Recreation Activities Are Fun for Both Parents & Kids

Looking for something unusual and exciting to develop quality time with your youngsters on Saturday? Join in the merriment provided by the Romulus Recreation Department's "Super-Sweet Saturday Spectacular Specials."

The Department has planned eight special Saturday trips in October and November for youngsters seven through 15 years old and their parents or guardians. The trips range from rollerblading to ice skating; indoor swimming to college football. Parents and children may pick and choose to participate in any or all of the trips.

In addition to the spectacular Saturday events, the department also hosts a number of wide-ranging activities as it kicks off its fall program. From karate to dance, from gymnastics to drop-in volleyball, there's plenty of variety to select.

The department's 1994 fall and winter activities brochure lists all of the activities taking place through the end of the year, including both recreational and senior citizen opportunities. Brochures are available at the Recreation Department or at the City Hall library building.

Here's a listing of some of the special programs being offered by the Recreation Department:

Super Saturday Trips (October 1 to November 19)

Trips leave each Saturday from the Recreation Department. Fees range from \$1 to \$6, depending upon the trip. Trip fees include all equipment rentals, tickets, and bus transportation. Parents and children each pay the same fee.

"We have attempted to develop programming that encourages parents and youngsters to participate together in activities," said Recreation Director Brian Hitsky. "The Super-Sweet Saturday Spectacular Specials concept provides parents and their children with inexpensive opportunities to enjoy their time

together. We hope parents accompany their youngsters on the trips, but it is not a requirement."

Trips include rollerblading at Hines Park (October 1); bumper or regular bowling (October 8); indoor ice-skating (October 15); a theater trip (October 22); Halloween fest (October 29); a college football game (November 5); indoor swimming (November 12); and a Festival of Lights tour (November 19).

Other Activities

Other new activities in store for youngsters this fall include beginning keyboard, a six-week program designed to teach youngsters ages six to 12 basic keyboard skills. In addition, a junior jazzercise dance fitness program for children in the third through sixth grades is scheduled.

Other mainstay and popular programs will also be offered for kids, including youth dance, karate, and gymnastics.

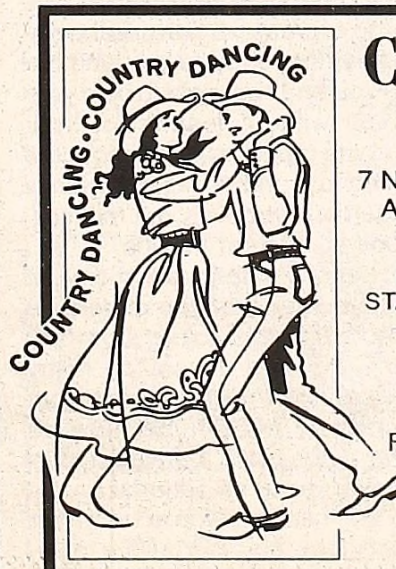
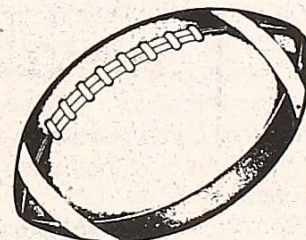
Adult programs available include a drop-in volleyball program from 6:30 to 9 p.m. every Monday at the Romulus Middle School. The fee for the program, which begins October 3, is \$2.

Also starting in October are ceramics and quilting classes held at the Recreation Building. Ceramics sessions are every Monday from 6 to 8:45 p.m. starting October 3. Quilting classes are every Thursday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The first class is October 6.

A host of activities for senior citizens is also underway, with bowling, ceramics, pot lucks, cards, bingo, crafts, and shopping trips scheduled.

Anyone interested in finding out more details about any recreation or senior-citizen program should call 942-6842 during normal business hours, or stop in at the Department of Parks and Recreation Offices, 36515 Bibbins, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. □

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Has Oakite done anything wrong? What has this community come to if a group like this is able to take advantage of virtually any meeting to advance its own narrow agenda? Personally, I think these people have had more than enough opportunity to talk about their opposition to the Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) deepwell. For our city council to allow them to begin an inquisition involving every other business in this city is against everything the people of this city stand for.

We've all had enough of this. The issue has already divided our community for too long. Let's stop this foolishness before it begins to drive away the businesses which are an integral part of what makes this community what it is.

John Ryznar, Romulus

Threat Victim Criticizes TRN Editorial . . .

To the Editor:

I am appalled and disgusted that you are using the personal threats against my wife and family to promote your propaganda. Your newspaper has constantly bombarded the citizens of Romulus with endless rhetoric about the value of settling with Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) out of court. Is this just another bandwagon to jump on? You speak of intimidation tactics, but the fact of the matter is, in my opinion, that your article is, in itself, nothing more than intimidation and threats.

You also speak of being involved in a fight that cannot be won. Neither this company nor any other group has the right to bully its way into the City of Romulus and try to force the citizens into accepting a project that the overwhelming majority of citizens (5,000 signatures on petitions) are opposed to, nor do they have the right to violate local laws and ordinances. The City of Romulus has a right to defend itself from such intruders, and must continue to follow the wishes of the majority of its citizens.

I also am disgusted that you would make references to all the speculation about this threat to my family. Why did you feel that it was necessary to mention this? What are you insinuating by these statements?

From the beginning, your position on this deep well has been very clear. You have abandoned the City of Romulus and the vast majority of its citizens and aligned yourself with EDS. Someday, when EDS no longer needs your full-page ads and editorials, you will have to rely on the citizens of Romulus for your support. Do you feel that you will have this support?

You speak of putting a stop to this whole mess. I am asking you to put a stop to using my wife's and family's personal misfortunes to further your promotion of this deep-well project! This is one of the best examples of one-sided journalism that I have witnessed.

This incident will not make me back away from my convictions on this matter. I have been very vocal and outspoken on my position on this deep-well project. I

have no political or monetary ambitions; I am fighting for what I believe is right. I will not stop attending the Council or ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals) meetings. As a taxpayer and property-owner, I am extending my personal plea to the Mayor and City Council to please continue your fight for the rights of our city, and to not permit this propaganda to influence your decision. Stay the course and right will win over might!

I am also appalled that *The Romulus News* would come out in favor of a millage increase! I can remember the strong opposition by this same newspaper to the Environmental Protection Fund millage and how the editor said, on many different occasions, "NO NEW TAXES"! The staff members of the newspaper had "VOTE NO" signs in their yards. I wonder what position EDS will take on this issue? Will they now say "YES" to new taxes?

It seems now that the leopard has changed its spots! Again, I ask the citizens of Romulus, do not be fooled by this "propaganda"! This newspaper has made a lot of political hay about the General Fund balance of the City of Romulus (which is a positive balance), but they make no mention of the multi-million-dollar DEFICIT of the Romulus school system. Let's try to identify the reasons for the problems within the school system, rather than try to spend our way out of this financial mess. We in RECAP (Romulus Environmentalists Care About People) are curious about the views of the VOTES (Voice of Taxpayers for Efficient Spending) group on this millage increase. What is its official position? We at RECAP await to hear your response, Dolores!

R.P. Lilly, New Boston

. . . And TRN's Editors Respond to Criticism

Dear Mr. Lilly:

We at *The Romulus News* were saddened by your "reply" to our September 9, 1994 editorial regarding the recent threat against your family. The fact that we see the significance of this incident differently than you do – and said so out of our concern for our community – is hardly the same thing as using it in some sick way to "promote propaganda" or use "intimidation and threats" to frighten anyone into changing his position. We attempted to express our horror concerning what has happened to you and our support of you and your right to hold your own opinion without fearing for your safety, and you repaid us for our concern by attacking us and making blatantly untrue assertions about us, our motives, our viewpoints, and our actions.

For instance (taking the last of your letter first), you say that you remember how the editor of this paper said "NO NEW TAXES" – and did so "on many different occasions." You'd better get your memory checked, Mr. Lilly, because we have *never* made such a statement. In fact, we never wrote an editorial on the subject of the millage election until after the election took place. You are obvi-

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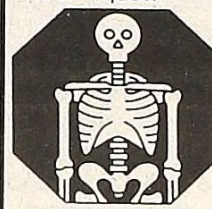
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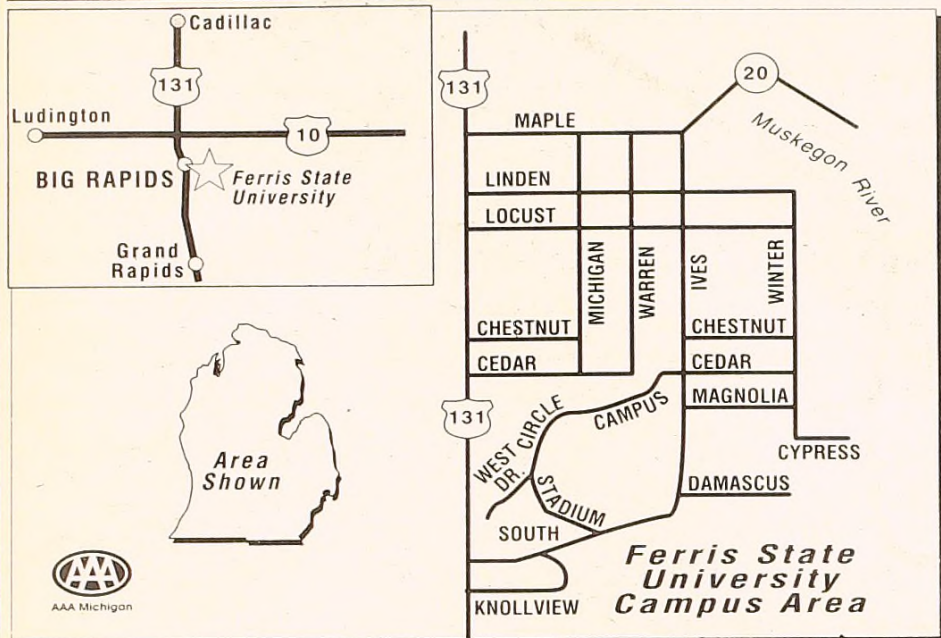
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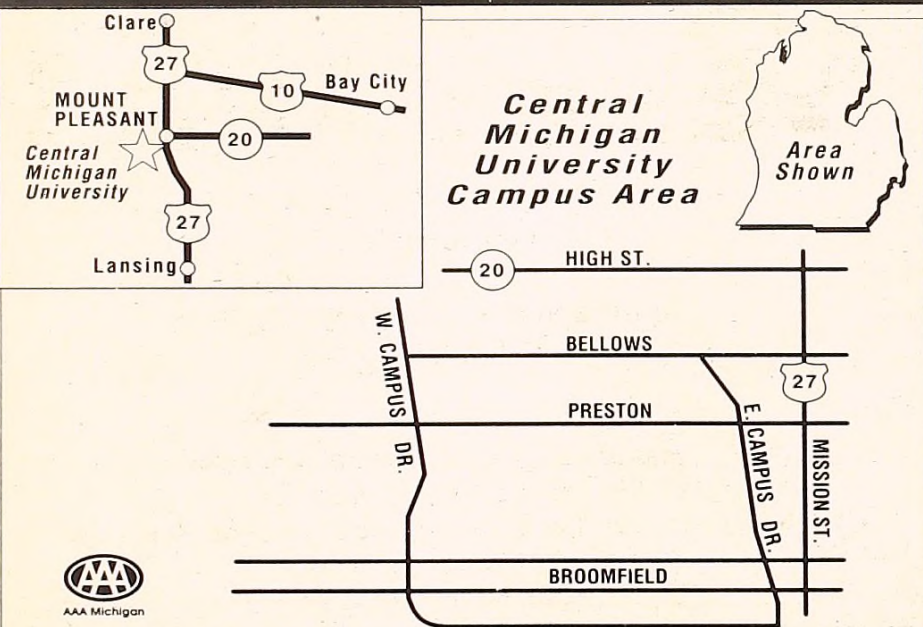
Ferris Flaunts Festive Fall Colors



During the first half of October, Ferris State University in Big Rapids is the place to be for fall color fans. That's when the university's healthy population of deciduous trees, including poplar, oak, and maple, peak with vivid color. Nature trails help visitors take in the full scope of fall color and wildlife throughout the wooded campus. For further color glimpses, canoe trips can be arranged at Sawmill Point, a 100-year-old restored sawmill on the Muskegon River. A trip to nearby Paris - Paris, Michigan, that is - will treat tourists to a 20-foot replica of France's Eiffel Tower. Mecosta County Historical Museum, the restored 1893 County Jail, and downtown Big Rapids' civil war monument, are other worthwhile area attractions.

When to go: Early to mid-October

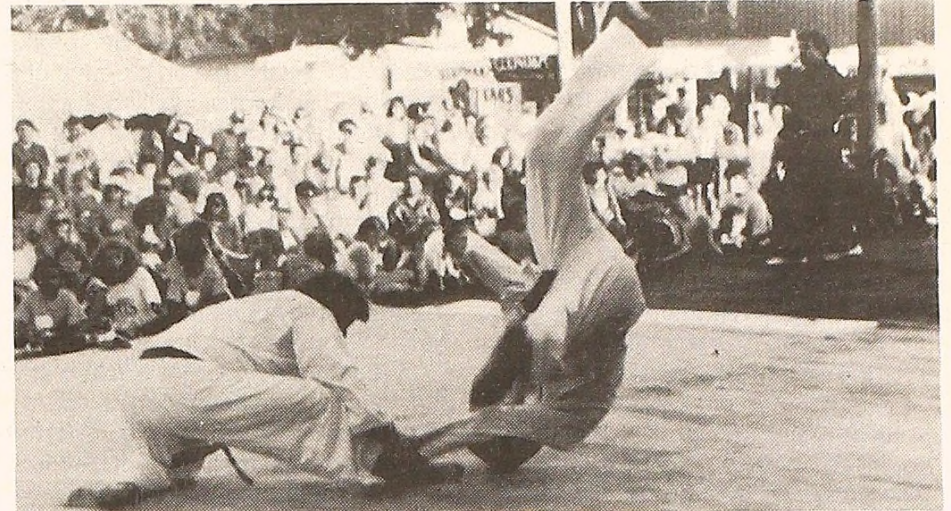
CMU's Colorful Campus a Hit With Leaf-gazers



Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant offers visitors a stunning fall color show. The campus features more than 100 native and non-native tree species including the Threadleaf Japanese maple, white birch, Japanese dogwood, white ash, and scarlet oak. Points of interest include the Clarke Historical Library, which houses numerous special collections; the Center for Cultural and Natural History, which holds more than 12,000 historical and 121,000 anthropological artifacts; and a new Native American Gallery, which boasts a collection of traditional and contemporary Indian arts and crafts. The Gerald L. Poor School Museum is a restored one-room schoolhouse that is used as a living museum of rural education. A Chippewa Indian Reservation, located just east of Mount Pleasant, is a popular tourist attraction.

When to go: Early to mid-October

Hapkido Demonstration Among Many Things To See and Do at Applefest



The Huron Township Applefest is an annual autumn tradition for many Romulus residents, as well. Among the wide variety of displays, contests, entertainment, and other attractions at this year's event (to be held the weekend of September 30-October 2) will be a Hapkido demonstration put on by the students of Arts of Defense owner Master Marshall Gagne. The demonstration is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 1, on Stage #1.

ZBA SELECTION "RIGGED"?

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McLenon, too, is a fine candidate. I have watched him chair many meetings over the years, and he has always handled himself with the utmost professionalism."

Such qualifications are important in serving on the ZBA because of the Board's serious responsibilities, Raspberry believes.

"Among the ZBA's duties is the interpretation of the City's code in its application to specific projects, as well as the approval or denial of variances from the existing code," he stated. "It is important to note that only the ZBA can grant such variances, and that the Board's decision cannot be challenged by the Mayor, City Council, or any other local agency. Only a court decision can overrule the ZBA's authority."

It is precisely because the ZBA's ruling carries so much weight that some residents are concerned about how Council will appoint two people to fill the expired-term seats on the Board.

"Those of us who believe that the City needs to settle with EDS in order to

avoid a lengthy legal battle and exorbitant legal fees are afraid that at least some of the members of City Council who have continued to support the fight against EDS will try to manipulate the selection process in order to block the appointment of anyone who might give EDS a fair hearing," said Witzgall. "The Advisory Committee has nominated Mr. Block and Mr. McLenon for reappointment to the ZBA, and both of these men have received the unanimous support of Council in the past. Any Councilman withdrawing his or her support from Block or McLenon, without giving substantial examples of any failure to perform ZBA duties faithfully, is acting unethically, in my opinion."

Addressing the issue of the current status of both Block and McLenon, whose terms officially expired earlier this month, Raspberry explained that Board members whose terms have lapsed continue to serve until their replacements are chosen by Council.

It is anticipated that the ZBA will hear EDS' case in late October. □

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ously mistaking either a Letter to the Editor/Local Commentary piece that appeared in our paper, or something that appeared in another paper entirely, for something that we have written.

It's true that we were opposed to the request for additional millage to form an environmental protection fund; we saw no need to pay local taxes for environmental cleanup when our state and federal taxes already address that need. But that certainly doesn't mean that we would be opposed to all millage proposals! Like most rational people, we judge each proposal on its own merits.

We realize, Mr. Lilly, that someone in your position would not be likely to support a millage proposal that would raise money for Romulus schools by *lowering* the millage levied on homestead property while *increasing* that levied on nonhomestead property. You don't live here or educate your children here; you just do business here. Since your concerns as a businessman will sometimes differ from ours as residents, it's not surprising that you have found yourself on the opposite side of the fence from the majority of our city's voters, who supported the school's millage proposal – and turned down a proposal for a redundant environmental tax. Maybe it doesn't matter to you if the City of Romulus goes bankrupt fighting a useless legal battle – after all, you won't be the one to suffer with bad roads, an understaffed fire and police force, and a lack of recreation and senior-citizen services – but it matters to most of us who live and vote here.

We at *The Romulus News* haven't "abandoned" the City of Romulus just to make a few bucks from Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc.'s (EDS') full-page ads (editorials are not for sale); in fact, our position on the deep-well project has lost us more advertising revenue than it has gained us.

But just as you have stood up for your beliefs by refusing to give in to threats, we have stood up for our beliefs by refusing to let money – or the potential loss of it – influence us. Believe it or not, we also believe in the importance of trying to live according to our principles. And, just as we support you in your right to have your own opinion – even though we don't agree with your opinion – we believe that we will continue to have support from members of the community who respect our right to have an opinion – even if they don't agree with it. Because most reasonable people realize that even the best of friends sometimes disagree, they don't let such differences jeopardize the rest of their relationship. This free newspaper has done a lot of good for Romulus residents and businesses over the past seven years, and I'm sure that many people – regardless of how they feel about the well – won't forget that.

We think it's ironic, to say the least, that you are asking us to stop using your family's "personal misfortunes" to further our "promotion of the deep-well project." If you will recall, Mr. Lilly, it was *you* who contacted *us*, asking us to write about

the terrible incident that had occurred; *you* who faxed *us* a copy of the threat letter and a prepared statement concerning how you discovered it. *You* are the one who opened a "personal misfortune" to public speculation by speaking of the incident at an open meeting of the Romulus City Council, calling the newspaper and television media, and contacting politicians from the Governor on down. It's funny how it only became a "personal misfortune" after you found that, while it did move us to sympathy for you personally because of what your family had endured, it did not make us more sympathetic to your cause.

We find it even more ironic that you attack us for – and question us about the motives behind – something we wrote in your defense! Our statement discouraging speculation about the seriousness of the threat was not an insinuation of any kind; rather, it was an attempt – in light of the many callers who contacted us to express their suspicion that either you or another member of RECAP (Romulus Environmentalists Care About People) might be behind the incident in order to rally the community behind you – to get the skeptics to give you the benefit of the doubt. You see, we believe in "innocent unless proven guilty" as much as we do "freedom of speech."

And, speaking of freedom of speech, your statement about "one-sided journalism" is ludicrous, as well. This was not a "straight" article; it was an opinion piece – and clearly labeled as such. Besides, if we were interested in giving only one side of the story to the public, would we have printed *every single one* of the letters we have received from people who disagree with us on this issue? Even when they have contained demonstrably untrue material (such as yours does), we have printed the letters anyway in the hopes that our readers can sift through the inaccuracies to find any information of real value that might also be present, and so make their own judgments.

But all of this stuff is beside the point, as far as we're concerned. The issue behind all of the irrelevancies that have been argued about in the past year is not whether EDS "bullied its way into the City" (even though we believe that they approached both the City and the media in an open, forthright manner), or whether or not the well should be here at all (that could have been an issue four years ago, but no one decided to make it one back then). The issue is whether the City should continue to fight EDS on this zoning question – and thereby leave us open to all kinds of lawsuits that could cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars – after tacitly approving its location for three years. We believe that if there's anyone who should be "taken to task" here, it sure isn't EDS.

Your letter and our response are neither "right over might" nor "propaganda," Mr. Lilly; they're just more opinions. We've given you a chance to express yours, and we've expressed ours.

As always, we look forward to hearing from others who would like to share their viewpoint with our readers. □

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MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH - 35565 Beverly Rd. / 729-2460 / James Thompson, Pastor / 531-1285 / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Hoffer, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. Call 942-6852 for more information about Senior Center events.

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Romulus Tower neighbors born in September: Eva Baker, Bernice Bell, Alice Briggs, Jessie Crandall, Ella Roza, Lucretia Yarde, and Joe Goormastic (Tower groundskeeper).

Rummage/Bake Sale

Residents of the Whispering Willows senior-citizen apartment complex will hold their annual rummage and bake sale in the lobby of the building (11100 South Wayne Road, Romulus) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, October 7, and Saturday, October 8. Shoppers will find a large variety of items for sale - almost everything, in fact, except baby clothes! Rummage-sale addicts won't want to miss what may be their last chance to bargain shop before next spring!

FOCUS: HOPE for Seniors

Senior citizens age 60 and over can apply for FOCUS: HOPE benefits at the Romulus distribution site (Family & Neighborhood Services) if their income does not exceed \$797 per month (one person)/\$1,066 per month (two persons). For more information, or to apply, please call Pam St. Clair at 782-9800.

Attention: Walkers!

The Romulus Senior Center will once again be transporting interested senior citizens to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for an indoor, move-at-your-own pace walk program. The free Wednesday-morning program will begin October 5; free transportation will depart from the Center at 9 a.m. and return at 10:30 a.m.

Shopping!

A transportation fee of just \$1.50 is all it takes to ride the Romulus Senior Center van to the Rawsonville Road shopping center on Friday, September 30. Sign up at the Center if you're interested.

Lunch Out

Take an afternoon off to share a delicious lunch at Ann Arbor's Evergreen Chinese Restaurant on Wednesday, September 28. Cost of transportation is just \$1.50; lunch is on you. Sign up at the Center if you would like to go.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other scheduled trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center may contact Marilyn Hoffer: 942-6852.

- **Radio City Music Hall** - Take a day trip to Toledo, Ohio, to enjoy a spectacular stage show featuring the

Rockettes and Susan Anton on November 22. The \$64 cost of the trip includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, lunch, and a show ticket.

Nashville - Get into the spirit of a country holiday season when you enjoy this four-day/three-night trip to Nashville, Tennessee. The \$329 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of the trip includes a tour of the Christmas lights display at the Opryland Themepark, a ticket to a Grand Ole Opry show, a visit to Ryman Auditorium, a ticket to a mystery show, a tour of the City, three dinners, three continental breakfasts, and three nights' deluxe lodging at an area hotel.

Personal Transportation Service

The Romulus Senior Center has developed a personalized transportation program for senior citizens who have no other vehicle available to them. For a fee of \$1, seniors can arrange to be transported anywhere within the City limits in order to conduct personal affairs such as doctors appointments, banking, or shopping, and then be returned to their home. In addition, the program will encourage seniors to stop off at the Senior Center to participate in the Wayne County Nutritional Services Hot Lunch program.

The transportation service is available on Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. only, so Senior Center staff member Barbara Schultz advises seniors who wish to take advantage of the program to call and reserve their desired time slot as far in advance as possible. For more information, call Barbara (942-6852).

Senior Center Still Seeking Coupons from Bill Knapp's Restaurants

In an effort to acquire a 27" color television to be used for educational and recreational purposes, the Romulus Senior Center is collecting Community Support Points from Bill Knapp's restaurants. Don't forget to ask for yours the next time you dine at one of the fine Bill Knapp's restaurants. Ask your friends and family to collect them, too!

Weekly Programs at the Center

The Romulus Senior Center has resumed its full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); pinochle (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO! (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); euchre (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.).

Free Blood-pressure Screening

Romulus seniors can have their blood pressure checked by Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS), free of charge, at the Romulus Senior Center on the first Monday (second Monday if the first falls on a holiday) of every month from 1 to 2 p.m. □

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